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Québec Invades Kanesatake

The Québec Provincial Police and the Municipality of Oka began a dawn invasion of sovereign Mohawk territory at 6 a.m. Wednesday July 11. Approximately 500 heavily armed police were reported to be moving in on the barricades set up by the people of Kanesatake to stop the expansion of a golf course into Mohawk lands.

Kanesatake is one of the seven communities which are part of the Mohawk Nation, which is in turn part of the Iroquois Confederacy known as the Haudenosaunee. The people of Kanesatake have been blockading the development of a golf course which will destroy stands of pine trees and a traditional burial ground on sovereign Mohawk territory. The police fired tear

gas and live ammunition at the people, but were met with defensive fire from the Mohawk Warriors. Witnesses report that the Mohawk people weren't firing directly at the police, rather aiming over their heads. One police officer was killed, and although an autopsy has yet to determine who killed him, it is suspected he was shot by other police in crossfire.

In support of the people of Kanesatake, the Mohawks of Kahnawake blocked off routes 132 and 138 and the Mercier Bridge, saying that "the governments of Québec and Canada must come to understand that none of our Mohawk people stand alone in their struggles for jurisdic-

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NAZI WATCH

Racists Gather Near Ottawa

METCALFE, ONT. — About 250 Neo-Nazi boneheads attended an "Aryan gathering" near Ottawa on the July 1 (Canada Day) weekend. The racists were camped out on a property near Metcalfe, Ontario, which is about 25 km out of Ottawa. The property is owned by Ian McDonald, who also owns at least one other rural property near Carlsbad Springs.

The boneheads protected their gathering with security checkpoints staffed by nazi skins with bats and knives, according to a Canadian Press report (7/3/90). Police also were at the sight, checking ID on the participants. According to sources, the oldest person there was 28 years old.

It became apparent that the neo-nazis have money behind them, as they flew in a band from England called "No Rumours" for a Saturday night show. They were also more tightly organized than they were last year: when the word leaked that they were going to gather, they managed

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Toronto Locals Support Mohawks

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tion and sovereignty over our lands". While at our press time the blockade of Mercier may be lifted, the situation may change any minute so we'll spare you details better obtained from daily media.

In Toronto, support is strong for the Mohawk people, whose right to armed self-defense is not to be questioned. On Saturday, July 14, the Coalition for the Truth About Africa proceeded from their weekly demonstration against the racist "Into the Heart of Africa" exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum to march down Yonge st. to the Quebec Provincial Government Offices at Queen. The march, which was addressed by members of the Mohawk Warriors Society from Akwesasne, stopped traffic at major intersections to "wake up Toronto". Speeches and chants clearly supported the Mohawk Nation and drew parallels to the fight of the African people here in Canada. The solidarity displayed throughout this action was strong enough to keep police back and also enabled the Coalition earlier, with the strength of their numbers, to break the injunction keeping them away from the front of

the ROM, which had been placed on them two months ago when police attacked their picket.

The Defense Fund for Mohawk Sovereignty collected almost two hundred dollars at Saturday's demo to send aid to the people of Kanesatake. The Fund was set up the day after the raid to help purchase supplies like food, first aid, and prospective legal defense, as an act of solidarity from outside supporters. Donations are needed immediately. You can contribute to the campaign by sending money to the Defense Fund for Mohawk Sovereignty c/o Bread & Roses Credit Union, 348 Danforth Ave. Suite 211, Toronto Ontario, M4K 1N8, account #2638. Please be sure to put the name of the fund on both the envelope and cheque. To speed things up people in Toronto are asked to go there in person to donate. For info, phone (416) 921-0437.

Another strong solidarity action was the delivery on Sunday July 15 of food that was donated by local stores to the Festival of Survivors of Assault. The festival was postponed until next week (call 530-0995). The organizers said "We are doing this as an act of solidarity with fellow survivors"

We Really Mean It

Ecomedia has been surviving on the generosity of a very few people. One donor supports the entire mailing every issue; other donations cover the printing costs. But even then, our funds are getting low again and it's only a matter of one or two issues before we go under. Some people might forget what Ecomedia's all about: we distribute at least 2000 copies for free every two weeks in the Toronto area alone. That's a free news source for people in Toronto in which announcements, news and analysis can be picked up regularly. Just name us one other source of anarchist/autonomous viewpoints that is as frequently or as widely distributed.

But that can't happen without help. If you think these ideas are worth spreading, we need you to help us continue. There are four ways you can help: 1) buy a subscription (details below); 2) make a donation—we'd like to start getting monthly pledges towards Ecomedia, say \$5 or \$10 a person would be great (write to us); 3) give us ideas on how to improve the paper and radio shows; 4) get involved: you can help write, produce or distribute the paper, or do radio shows. In an effort to maintain gender balance in the collective, we are looking for more wimmin volunteers. If any of these things interest you, contact us to see how you can help out.

More Hair than Brains

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to convince police and press that they would be at the Carlsbad Springs property, and were able to begin gathering in Metcalfe before the cops caught on.

Anti-fascist activists were able to photograph and videotape most of the participants, and information gathered is being compiled and

cross-referenced for use against the racists. Other anti-Nazis demonstrated both at the site and on Parliament hill during the weekend.

Although the racist right is organized and financially well-backed, the anti-racist movement is also organizing and bringing the Nazis into their sights.

QUEERBASHERS BEWARE!

NEW YORK – Bottles, fists and insults greeted over 1000 gay men and women who marched through Greenwich Village on June 16 to protest anti-gay and lesbian violence. In the first large demonstration organized by Queer Nation, marchers repeatedly broke away from the crowd to confront verbal and physical assaults.

The crowd clashed with police when, after inaction against the queer-bash-

ers who were heckling and assaulting the marchers, they intervened in a confrontation between an onlooker who shouted "Faggot!" and a marcher who retaliated physically. A plainclothes officer jumped the marcher, and, when other marchers stepped in to his aid, 30 officers put him up against a wall and beat him. Both he and a lawyer for ACT UP were arrested in the confrontation.

Why the Native Boycott?

More on Mandela

During organization of Mandela's visit to Canada, the Mandela Reception Committee (MRC) invited the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to open the speaking segment of the event at Queen's Park in Toronto. The AFN indicated that Gord Peters of the Chiefs of Ontario would represent them. Then, under pressure from the External Affairs Department and Premier Peterson's Office, the MRC reneged on the invitation by not including Peters in the agenda published 4 days prior to the event.

The MRC was set up by the External Affairs Department to help organize Mandela's visit and, more specifically, to fund-raise for the ANC at arm's length from the state. While \$35,000 was then raised in contributions from the crowds at Mandela's appearances, the arm of the state moved astutely to ensure that racism in Canada toward Native peoples would not displace the focus, although it be blurred, on racism toward Black Africans an ocean away from the government's backyard.

In the 1940's, representatives of the South African government visited Can-

ada to study the government's reserve system for Native peoples, as a model for the design of apartheid. South Africa's bantustans are replications of Canada's native reserves; the townships, more like suburban ghettos, are fashioned after the reserves as well. Our government had pass laws which required Native people to show a pass in order to get on and off the reserves. Pass laws were instituted subsequently by the South African government in 1948.

Had Peters spoke, he would have addressed a national t.v. audience. Coincidentally, Mandela's visit occurred during Elijah Harper's stand against the Meech Lake constitutional accord, one more reason why the government didn't want Peters to speak.

The MRC's last-minute alternative proposals were unacceptable to the AFN who decided, along with the Eagle Heart Drummers and Ojibwe elder Art Solomon, to boycott the event.

The march route was designed to cross sites where people were gay-bashed and allow those assaulted to describe their experiences to the crowd. The violence instigated by homophobes who lined the route was blamed on the *marchers* by the NY press. A Queer Nation organizer was unapologetic, saying "...people are sick and tired of being bashed, and the only way to change that is to make sure that people don't see us as victims. Gay people historically turn the other cheek.... Why should we be gentle?"

Queer Nation is a self-described "new lesbian and gay direct action group dedicated to the fight against homophobia and invisibility." Formed just three months ago, QN is an anti-bureaucratic, action-oriented group that acts as a clearinghouse for members' ideas for actions. Meetings have grown to nearly 150 people. At a typical meeting, members describe actions undertaken since the last one and propose new actions, then split off into working groups to organize the action of their choice. There is no process by which the entire group chooses to adopt an action—the person who proposes an idea and those who join the working group make all the decisions affecting how it will be done.

In May alone, there were at least 50 queer-bashings in New York. Earlier this year an anarchist squatter with AIDS was killed by skinheads in Tomkins Square park. Grassroots direct action groups like Queer Nation are a necessary step to ending the violence directed against lesbian and gay people. (from an article in *Gay Community News*, Vol. 17 no. 48)

NO NEGOTIATIONS

Lubicons and Alberta reach impasse

EDMONTON – The Albertan government has flat out rejected the Lubicon Nation's proposal for a settlement of the land claim. The two sides were negotiating since July '89 for a settlement between the two, negotiations which the federal government refused to participate in.

The Lubicon Nation has been involved in a fifty-year land claim struggle with both the Provincial and Federal governments while oil development has destroyed their economy, their land, and their way of life. Negotiations with the federal government were sabotaged when Canada tabled an offer they knew was unacceptable and refused to negotiate any further.

The Lubicon Nation, after almost a year of meeting with the Province, tabled a proposed agreement covering all the items which needed to be resolved. Alberta rejected the offer three weeks later, on June 27, without comment on the contents. They also refused to release a counter proposal, as promised earlier. Now they are proposing an arbitration mechanism.

The Lubicon Nation has gotten nowhere in the past with independent arbitration. Some years ago they proposed that E. Davie Fulton, a man hired by the feds to investigate the Lubicon situation (and later fired when he released a positive report), be reinvolved as an independent mediator. The feds refused. Alberta premier Getty proposed an independent tribunal, which both the Province and the Nation accepted, but which was rejected by the feds. The feds proposed instead an independent mediator, and gave names, which were accepted by

the other two sides. The feds then withdrew those names and the offer went nowhere. So it's not hard to conclude that independent arbitration is likely no more than another stalling tactic to drag this thing out while the rest of the Nations resources are sucked out of the land. So far there is no evidence that government sincerely wants to resolve the Lubicon Nation's aboriginal title, which leaves little avenue left for the Nation except to protect its interests on the ground. Two years ago they asserted jurisdiction on their lands by blockading access roads. This lead to one of the only breakthroughs in their struggle with the government. Last year they forced Norcen and Petro Canada off their lands as unauthorized developments. Their wells are still shut in. Now the Lubicon people may have to look to other direct actions to force a change in their increasingly difficult situation. And they will be fully justified in using whatever means necessary.

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Conspiring Minds Want to Know

"Resistance Conspiracy," an exposé of the indictment against six political activists in the USA, will be screened at the Euclid Theatre, 394 Euclid Avenue, Thursday August 2 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5, or \$3 for under-employed.

The DC 6, already imprisoned for actions against U.S. imperialism and in support of the Black liberation movement, are now charged with "conspiracy" to resist the government by "unlawful" means, in an attempt to lock them away forever. Come find out more about them, their situation, political prisoners in the USA, and the underground resistance to U.S. government policies. A speaker from the Emergency Committee for Political Prisoners, Washington DC, will follow.

Sponsored by the Anarchist Black Cross and the Wimmin Prisoners' Survival Network.

CALENDAR

July 19–Protest ongoing Indonesian occupation of East Timor, Indonesian consulate, 425 University Avenue. Information: ACT 960-2228.

July 21, every Saturday at noon. Picket at the ROM to shut down the racist "Into the Heart of Africa" exhibit. Avenue Rd. & Bloor.

July 22–Festival of Survivors of Assault, Bellevue Park in Kensington Market. Info from Mary 864-0185

July 28–Demonstrate in favour of the United Farmworkers of America's grape boycott, noon at the Dominion store 238 Wellesley E. near Parliament. Sponsored by UFW, ACT and ANVA.

Aug. 2–Resistance Conspiracy at the Euclid, 8pm. (see above)